FREIGHT OPERATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

949. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the status of implementation of Freight Operation information System as on date;

(b) the project implementation schedule and date for commissioning of the project; and

(c) the advantages accruing to the Railways by implementation of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The implementation of the Freight Operation Information System is in progress on Northern Railways. Computer System for development and simulation has been installed and software development and modification work has been taken up.

(b) The project which covers the broad gauge is scheduled to be commissioned on Northern Railway by December, 1994 and on the entire Indian Railways by 1997.

(c) The project is expected to result in 15 percent savings in wagons and 5 percent savings in locomotives apart from substantial improvement in customer satisfaction.

PROPOSAL TO SPEED UP MOORI EXPRESS

950. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to speed up Moori Express covering south Bihar;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Speeding up is not feasible due to present law & order situation in the state of Punjab.

REFUND OF CLAIMS BY RAILWAYS

951. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of applications from various companies pending with the Railways for refund of claims of more than Rs. one lakh as on date;

(b) the details of such companies which have got the refund during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the companies owned by a particular business house got maximum benefit of refund;

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been made in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The number of such cases pending on Eastern, North-Eastern, Northeast Frontier, South-Central, South-Eastern and Western Railways is 885. Information in respect of the other Railways is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.